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Column One
By
David Courtney

THE short, quick steps characteristic of Mr. Morrison will be heard today in the gloomy corridors of the Foreign Office as the new Minister takes his place in succession to Mr. Bevin. A solid representative of the Labour Party bourgeoisie takes up in the Foreign Office where a solid representative of the Labour Party bourgeoisie has left off. Mr. Morrison will shake diplomatic hands today and the diplomatic heads that have been shaking querulously at the tenacity with which a sickbed has kept the post as well as the person of the Foreign Secretary so long suspended, will nod encouragement. Nobody knows what the new Minister's foreign policy will be, but then nobody knew what the last Minister's foreign policy was. We may expect to hear the magic word "continuity:" it is probably too much to expect to be told what it is that will be continued.

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WE may be sure that the change is not a change for the worse. Mr. Morrison, who never held the post of Foreign Secretary, has shown no signs of any special aptitude for it. Mr. Bevin, who did hold the post, likewise has shown no signs of special aptitude for it. He can make up his mind for himself and, without being as mulish as Mr. Bevin is quite as determined. He will earn neither the deep affections nor the sharp hatreds that were a factor in Bevin's career; but will be easier to get along with. The Foreign Office is likely to know "where it is" with Mr. Morrison, better than it knew with Mr. Bevin; but Mr. Morrison by the same token is likely to know very shrewdly where he is with the Foreign Office; which, from all accounts, could not be said of Mr. Bevin.

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THE new Minister takes over at a moment of great crisis and perhaps great opportunity in the sphere of foreign affairs. His record makes it improbable that he should stamp his way through crisis and opportunity in the effort to make an original entrance. He is something of a political mathematician and can be relied upon to subject the problems of his new office to careful calculation. Against the emotional reactions of Mr. Bevin, Mr. Morrison can be expected to oppose cold reasoning. The result, in time, should be a less ambiguous policy.

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ONE thing we can take for certain is that the occasion of Mr. Morrison's appointment will be seized by the critical "Left-wing" elements of the Party to urge upon the Government a larger degree of independence of United States policy, a firmer stand in relation to China, and a less equivocal attitude towards the possibility, and desirability, of limited agreement with Russia in Europe. Nothing Mr. Morrison has said at any time during the past few months gives the slightest reason to suppose that this critical element in the Party will be able to nag Mr. Morrison to any better effect than was brought about by its nagging of Mr. Bevin. It may even be found that Britain's foreign policy, which has been shaped — or left shapeless — by the combined hands of Attlee, Bevin and Morrison, in that order, will now be subjected to the massaging of Attlee, Morrison and Bevin, in that order.

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AT the same time, Mr. Morrison will not wish to see his influence and prestige in the country broken by foreign affairs as Mr. Bevin's influence and prestige have been; and it is fairly certain that he has entered the Foreign Office with a suspicion of there being something radically wrong in that Ministry. With the risk of an atomic war hanging over them, the public has begun to take a much closer interest in foreign affairs than is customary; and Mr. Morrison will be conscious of the need, which grows more acute as the time for elections comes nearer, to give the public a sense of confidence in his country's diplomacy. His purpose will be to show that, if war there must be, it is not because diplomacy has missed the opportunities for preventing it. It is a worthwhile purpose. One can only hope that the new Foreign Secretary has time to fulfil it.

Tel Aviv, March 12.

Malta Talks On ME Start Today

VALETTA, Malta, Sunday, (Reuter).—British Middle East service chiefs arrived here today for a two-day conference opening tomorrow with U.S. service chiefs on security problems affecting the area. Today's arrivals included General Sir Brian Robertson, British Army Commander-in-Chief, Middle East; Air Marshal Sir John Bayer, Commander-in-Chief of the British Middle East Air Force; and Rear Admiral I.M.R. Campbell, senior British naval officer in the Middle East.

Sir John Edelsten, British Naval Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean and Admiral Robert Carney, U.S. Naval Commander-in-Chief eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, arrived yesterday.

Admiral Carney's staff includes Rear Admiral J.L. Bolger, his Chief of Staff.

British official sources said the conference is being held to "promote common understanding of certain defence responsibilities in the Mediterranean."

General Robertson, who recently completed an extensive tour of all Middle Eastern capitals, will recommend that the command of the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East should be separate from General Eisenhower's SHAPE and responsible to a standing group in Washington on which Britain is represented.

The Malta conference coincides with the visit to London of Sir Ralph Stevenson, British Ambassador to Egypt, to confer with the British government on the latest developments in the negotiations for a revision of the 1936 treaty involving the defence of the Suez Canal zone. Ambassador Stevenson was said to have been called to London to discuss the purpose of the Egyptian memorandum to the British government giving Egypt's plan for a Middle Eastern security system excluding Israel.

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U.S. Official Here On Three-Day Visit

Mr. Lewis Jones, Director of the Office for Near East Affairs of the U.S. State Department, crossed the lines at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon for a three-day visit to Israel. He is to call upon the Foreign Minister at Hakirya today, and will also meet other senior Foreign Ministry officials.

Mr. Jones, who was met at the border by Mr. S. Bendor, Director of the United States Division of the Foreign Ministry, and Dr. A. Biran, Jerusalem District Representative, was accompanied by his wife and U.S. Ambassador Monnett B. Davis and Mrs. Davis, who had gone to Amman to meet him. Before leaving for Tel Aviv he visited the U.S. Consulate-General in Jerusalem. Mr. Jones is touring the Middle East after attending the Istanbul conference of U.S. diplomats.

Czech Deputy Minister Charged

PRAGUE, Sunday (Reuter).—General Reicin, Deputy Minister of National Defence, has been charged with treason.

He is alleged to have been an accomplice of Otto Sling, former Communist party secretary in Brno, now under arrest on charges of spying for Britain and planning to overthrow the present leadership of the Czechoslovak Communist party. General Reicin is believed to be under arrest. General Kopold, believed to be a member of the Czechoslovak general staff, has also been charged with treason and is thought to be under arrest.

General Kopold is a son-in-law of Mme. Marie Svermova, former woman Deputy Secretary-General of the Czechoslovak Communist party who has been arrested on charges of conspiring with Otto Sling to overthrow the present leadership of the party.

Army Meeting

The branding of Reicin and Kopold as "traitors and spies" came with the publication of an account of a meeting of Communist army commanders and political functionaires in the army, held in the Prague in the Ministry of Defence last Friday.

Western sources believed here yesterday that General Josef Pavel, Deputy Minister of National Security, has also been arrested. General Pavel, a member of the central committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, has not been mentioned as attending any official function for several weeks. A foreign broadcast report yesterday that he was arrested has not been denied.

General Pavel was the organiser and commander of the workers' militia which gave the Communists armed support in their successful bid for power in 1948. He fought as a major in the International Brigade in the Spanish civil war and during the last war joined the Czech forces in Britain as a private.

U.N. Forces Ten Kms. from Hongchon

TOKYO, Sunday, (Reuter). — U.N. forces tonight advanced in central Korea under a giant illumination made by searchlight beams played onto low clouds over the Communist positions.

They were following up day-long advances along the entire front which brought British Commonwealth troops to within ten kms. of Hongchon, the most important railway junction in central Korea.

Today's advances which included a three-km. gain on the right flank of the drive across the Han River, straightened the U.N. line and brought it to within about forty kms. of the 38th Parallel.

Slight Resistance

This last gain was made against only slight resistance, but the Americans believed that an entire Chinese division had been killed, captured or wounded since the U.N. crossing of the Han River four days ago.

The First and Ninth Corps were driving forward along a 65-kms. front in the west-central sector, moving slowly but steadily along the mud-choked tracks and across the rolling hills against slackening resistance.

The American 25th Division, spearheaded by tanks and flamethrowers, burned and blasted their way north along the Pukhan river valley 25 kms. east of Seoul, flushing out scattered Communist groups from their dugouts and entrenchments.

Truman Signs Bill On Naval Construction

KEY WEST, Sunday (UP).—President Truman signed a bill today authorizing 500,000 tons in new naval construction, including a 60,000-ton aircraft carrier capable of carrying atomic bombers.

The bill authorizes $2,000m. in spending and also provides for the modernization of one million tons of existing naval vessels. It calls for a two-year construction programme. The carrier, however, would take three and a half years to complete.

De Gasperi: Italy Is Firm on Trieste

ROME, Sunday (Reuter). — Italian Premier A. de Gasperi and Foreign Minister Count Sforza left Rome today by train for a three-day official visit to London while countrywide political demonstrations demanded that they accept no compromise on Trieste.

Before leaving, de Gasperi told reporters: "I believe that the fate of Trieste has been decided in history and in our hearts and I believe also that in fact no one can dispute it. There is no question in London of negotiations that can end with any sort of undertaking on our part.

"It is simply a question of conversations under various headings and we do not know if they will be carried through to an end. The important thing is that the last word of this chapter should be to forget the past and to arrive at a reconciliation, at a profound understanding which can serve as the basis for peace. The last word of the chapter should be peace."

Tito Against Discussion

In Belgrade, Marshal Tito said today he was against the question of Trieste being raised at the present moment. Addressing the Second Congress of the Yugoslav War Veterans, he said: "I consider it harmful to permit the Soviet Union to raise the Trieste question now. It is in the interests of both our own and the Italian people not to discuss this problem now."

Marshal Tito accused Russia of raising the Trieste question during the Four-Power talks as a means of putting pressure on Yugoslavia. "They want to put the Chinese war on this frontier, too," he said.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Mapai won all five seats to the Local Council of [illegible] village near Jerusalem in the election held there yesterday.

Decision on Big Four Agenda Due This Week

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — Deputies of the Big Four Foreign Ministers begin tomorrow the second week of their discussions of an agenda for a meeting of their chiefs. Usually well-informed observers said here today that the next stage of the talks would indicate success or failure in bringing East and West together around the conference table.

It was expected that the Western representatives would prefer these preliminary talks to fail rather than allow their Foreign Ministers to attend a conference where they might face Soviet charges of arming Germany and refusing all-round arms reductions.

During the week-end, Britain's chief delegates, Mr. Ernest Davies, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, conferred with Mr. Herbert Morrison, newly-appointed British Foreign Secretary, and the Soviet and other delegates communicated with their governments.

It was thought that tomorrow's session at the Palais Rose might give an indication whether progress would be made in marrying the rival agendas — one put forward jointly by the West and one by M. Gromyko (Soviet delegate) — into one document listing subjects for discussion.

The West wants the Foreign Ministers to have general discussions on European points of friction between powers, conclusion of an Austrian peace treaty as a token of Soviet good faith in the bringing of relations back to normal and the inclusion of rearmament of Soviet bloc states in any discussion of peace treaty obligations.

Moscow wants an agenda which specifically lists German remilitarization and demilitarization and the reduction of armaments by the Great Powers, the acceleration of a German peace treaty and withdrawal of occupation forces from Germany.

Queuille Forms New French Cabinet Similar to Last One

PARIS, Sunday, (Reuter).—Dr. Henri Queuille, Premier of the 14th French post-war cabinet, last night presented the list of his ministers to the President of the Republic. Except for the inclusion of the Popular Republican leader, M. Georges Bidault, as one of the vice-premiers, the members of the Queuille government are the same as those of the Pleven cabinet which resigned ten days ago.

One minister only has been dropped—Radical Paul Giacobi, who was in charge of electoral reform — the issue over which the previous government fell.

The constitution of Dr. Queuille's cabinet was delayed by about seven hours, owing to a last-minute request by the Socialists to have an additional member of the party, former Premier Paul Ramadier, included in the ministerial team.

Faced, however, with the firm refusal of Premier Queuille to depart from the principle of not making any changes, the Socialists decided not to press their request.

M. Robert Schuman remains in charge of foreign affairs and Socialist Jules Moch continues to be the head of National Defence, the Premier will also be Minister of the Interior, the office which he held in the preceding government.

Premier Queuille presented the members of his cabinet shortly before midnight to the President of the Republic, M. Vincent Auriol, in accordance with tradition.

Elections Or Civil War, DeGaulle Warns

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — General Charles de Gaulle today said that any attempt to prolong the life of the present French Parliament beyond its legal term in November would "mean civil war." He was addressing a thousand Gaullist delegates from all parts of France.

General de Gaulle said the country would have the clear choice between "the Communists on the left, the coalition of third force parties on the right, and the nation itself which rallied round the Gaullist movement."

Knesset Cancels Evening Sessions

Evening sessions of the Knesset have been cancelled this week to permit the Legislation Committee to hold meetings tonight and tomorrow night in the hope that they may complete the drafting of the Election Bill.

There is no chance of the Bill being brought to the House this week and it is now planned that the first reading will take place next Monday.

The proposed four-month budget designed to tide the Government over until August will be introduced at today's meeting.

Iraq Airlift Now Direct To Lydda

NICOSIA, Sunday, (Reuter).—Aircraft ferrying Jews from Iraq to Israel will fly direct from Baghdad to Lydda from tomorrow instead of calling at Nicosia first, according to Jewish sources here.

When the airlift of Iraqi Jews who wished to go to Israel began in May last year, the government of Iraq objected to planes shuttling directly between the two countries. Since that date, 27,000 Jews have passed through Cyprus, according to official figures, while 70,000 are estimated awaiting transfer. Flights have been carried out by the Near East air transport company, an American organization.

Allowed to Leave

An Iraqi law last year authorized Jews to leave the country after being deprived of their nationality at their own request. It was prompted by the smuggling of Jews who had been unable to leave before the law was passed.

It was learned here today that the Iraq government had extended to May 31 the time limit for emigration, originally set for March 1.

Yesterday, the Iraq government froze property and bank accounts belonging to the 100,000 Jews who had been deprived of Iraqi nationality.

No Morocco Action at First League Parley

The Arab League's political committee postponed its sessions in Cairo until today (Monday) after a two hours' opening meeting on the Morocco question on Saturday night. After the session, Egyptian Premier Nahas Pasha told correspondents that Egyptian Foreign Minister Salah e-Din Bey had reported on his talks with Sarwat Pasha, Egypt's Minister to France, who has returned from Paris.

The committee decided to set up a legal sub-committee under Assistant Secretary General of the League, Ahmed Shukeiry, to study the legal aspect of the question.

Meanwhile, in a cable to President Truman, the president of the North African Liberation Committee in Cairo, Emir Abdul Karim el Khatabi, asked the U.S. to intervene with the U.N. council in Tangiers on behalf of the Morocco Istiklal leader, Alal el Fassi, who has been summoned to appear before a court of inquiry in Tangiers concerning the origin of false news published by Egyptian papers. The news was reported to have been cabled by el Fassi.

In Paris, M. Guy de la Tournelle, political director of the French Foreign Ministry, called in the Ambassadors of Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan and the Ministers of Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Saudi Arabia yesterday and handed them copies of a resolution of the National Assembly's foreign affairs commission on the Moroccan crisis.

The motion, passed yesterday by 27 votes to 11 with one abstention, warned that false reports of alleged French "aggression" in Morocco published in the Egyptian press, risked "disturbing the traditional friendship between France and Egypt." The commission asked the French government to draw attention of other countries to the resolution.

LOCUSTS AT NIRIM

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. —Locusts have appeared in small numbers near Nirim today. The Ministry of Agriculture is taking the necessary measures to exterminate them.

Two Killed, 29 Injured In Bus Crash

HADERA, Sunday. — Two persons, one of them the driver, were killed and 29 injured, 16 of them seriously, when an Egged bus carrying 37 adults and two children ran off the road near here this morning. The children and their mother escaped unharmed.

The accident occurred south of Wadi Ara at 7.30 this morning on the route from Affula to Tel Aviv. Just before Gan Hashomron the vehicle suddenly swerved to the left, ran off the roadway and ploughed some 60 metres through the fields. It then pulled up in a two-metre-deep anti-tank ditch dug during the war.

Investigators are following up two reports of the cause of the accident. Some of the passengers stated that a tyre blow-out caused the driver to lose control of the bus. Others said that a tarpaulin covering the baggage came untied and began flapping over the windshield, thus blinding the driver.

Driver and Immigrant

The two men killed were Shlomo Harpaz, 52, the driver, and Shlomo Benvenisti, a new immigrant who was travelling from Affula *ma'bara*, where he lives, to visit his brother in Zur Moshe, near Nathanya. Harpaz was the traffic manager in Jerusalem and was driving home after spending the week-end with his wife and three children at Mishmar Haemek, of which they are members. His body was taken to the kibbutz, while that of Benvenisti was taken to the Hadera police station.

The injured in the accident were taken to hospitals and first aid stations by passing vehicles and by Magen David Adom ambulances from Hadera.

The 15 passengers detained in hospital are:

Rothschild Hospital, Haifa

Dvora Abramson, 41, of Tel Aviv; Mordecai Indik, 19, Kfar Haroeh; Lupu Berkovitz, 46, Afule; Rosa Berkovitz, 37, Afule.

Government Hospital, Haifa

Reuven Schleifer, 26, of Bet Alfa; Carmela Leibovitz, 18, Bet Alfa; Zippora Zimberger, of Tel Aviv; Haim Walfisch, 44, Afule.

Afule Hospital

Hava Berkovitz, 40, Afule; Rachel Berkovitz, 17, Afule; Haim Gan, 51, Balfouria; Benzion Zimberger, Tel Aviv.

Beilinson Hospital

Yaffa and Selig Schwartzbaum, husband and wife, of Afule (condition serious, but not dangerous); Shimon Bezalel, 14, Florentine Quarter, Tel Aviv, and Zion Levian, a soldier.

Sixteen passengers were treated for minor injuries by the Magen David Adom and sent home, while five others were unharmed.

26 DIE IN HONG KONG PLANE CRASH

HONG KONG, Sunday (Reuter). — Twenty-six people were killed when a Skymaster aircraft crashed in fog on the slopes of Mount Parker on Hong Kong island today. All 18 passengers and crew of eight were killed.

PCC and UNRWA Agree On Division of Refugee Tasks

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

HAKIRYA, Sunday. — Although the Palestine Conciliation Commission has resumed its formal sittings for the purpose of drafting its ninth progress report to the U.N. Secretary-General, it is understood that the Commission as a whole is not likely to get into its full stride as a political body until May.

The division of functions between it and UNRWA, has, thanks to the efforts of both organizations, become much clearer in recent weeks, and the considerable period of doubt and obscurity created by the resolutions adopted last autumn by the General Assembly, may now be regarded as at an end.

By mutual agreement between these two organs of the U.N., UNRWA is to concentrate on the practical problems of resettlement and reintegration, while the P.C.C. is to direct its efforts mainly towards the problem of compensation.

Compensation Study

Mr. Andersen, the Danish expert who is to head the newly-established Compensation Office, is expected to take up his duties in Jerusalem at the beginning of May. Until then, preliminary studies are to be made in connection with this problem, with a view to establishing basic data, while Mr. Ely Palmer, who is to assume rotating championship of the Commission this week, is expected to devote the period between now and Mr. Andersen's arrival to clarifying political and practical questions connected with the problem of compensation with the Government here, as well as, presumably, with other governments and bodies concerned.

It is felt in U.N. circles that the machinery now devised may hasten progress towards a settlement of certain practical questions, which, as long as they remain unsettled are a hinderance to wider political solutions.

M.A.C. TEAM TO DISCUSS BET GUVRIN TODAY

The Israel-Jordan team investigating the Bet Guvrin incident put off a discussion of its report yesterday because of the absence of a U.N. representative. The report will be discussed at a meeting at Mandelbaum Gate today and will be submitted to tomorrow's meeting of the full Mixed Armistice Commission.

DIRECT PHONE LINE TO JORDAN

BEERSHEBA, Sunday.—Direct telephone communication between Beersheba and a point in Jordan has been established and will be officially opened at two o'clock on Friday afternoon.

The direct line is expected to help avert border incidents.

Ala To Be New Iran Premier

TEHERAN, Sunday (Reuter). — The Persian Senate tonight unanimously approved the nomination of Hussein Ala as Premier. Political circles predicted he would receive the Majlis approval also. Hussein Ala had been asked by the Shah to succeed the assassinated Premier, General Ali Razmara.

Ala, who stood up against the Russians as Iran's U.N. spokesman in the Azerbaijan crisis, is regarded by Western diplomats as a good choice. The Shah persuaded the 68-year-old diplomat to accept after the Majlis refused to back Khalim Fahimi for the post.

Ala has the confidence of the Shah and few political enemies. He served as foreign minister for two months in the Ali Mansour government last year and was out of the government till appointed court minister last month. He is also chairman of the special commission appointed by the Shah to draw up a scheme for the selling of the royal estates to Persian peasants.

'Massacre Jews'

Meanwhile, Abu el-Qatem al-Kashani, leader of the fanatical underground Moslem organization that assassinated General Razmara, has issued leaflets threatening to massacre all Jews in Persia and demanding that the immigration of Persian Jews and Iraqi Jewish refugees be stopped at once. He also published in his newspaper an article calling for a "holy war" against the British.

The Near East Arab Broadcasting Station said today that 250,000 Communist Moslem soldiers are now concentrated along the Iranian-Soviet border ready to invade Persian Azerbaijan when Stalin gives the sign, and he might give it soon in order to exploit the "present chaos in Iran."

Syrian Crisis Still Unsolved

Syria was still without a government last night following the resignation of Dr. Nazim el Kudsi's cabinet on Friday. Dr. Kudsi told the Arab News Agency that he has agreed to carry on "only for a few days more until President Attasi succeeds in setting up a new cabinet."

Meanwhile, various Syrian party leaders, including the President of Parliament, Rushdi Bey Kihiya, and Akram Hourani, former Minister of Defence, were called to the Palace in Damascus for consultations with the President. The Damascus correspondent of the Near East Broadcasting Station reported that one of the reasons for the resignation was the Arab League's "cold reception" of the Kudsi Arab union scheme at the recent League council meeting in Cairo. There is also a rumour that the resignation resulted from an agreement allegedly reached between General Robertson and Dr. Kudsi. The Arab News Agency said a dispute between cabinet members on Syria's attitude towards the Morocco question was responsible for the crisis.

Arab Settlement In Tigris Valley Asked

WASHINGTON, Sunday (AP) — President Truman's international advisory board has suggested that the reclamation of the Tigris-Euphrates valley in the Middle East could provide land for 75,000 Arab refugees from Palestine. Several million acres of potentially fertile land could be irrigated, the Board states, creating a new "bread basket."

The Board, in a report to the President, said that the Jordan Valley holds similar possibilities.

The Board was established last November by President Truman to consider American policy toward under-developed areas and to study the types of assistance that should be given under his Point Four programme. It is headed by Mr. Nelson Rockefeller, who was wartime coordinator of inter-American affairs.

The Board also recommended a plan to double American private investments in foreign countries and increase production in friendly nations of strategic materials the U.S. needs.

Lamifneh Member Elected P.T. Mayor

PETAH TIKVA, Sunday.—Mr. Mordecai Krasman, Lamifneh, was elected Mayor here today, receiving nine of the 17 votes cast. He was supported by the Histadrut, Mapam, and Poalei Agudat Israel delegates. The other candidates, Mr. M. Shwalab, Mizrahi, and Rabbi Shimon Katz, Aguda, received only eight votes each.

Mr. P. Rashish, Mapai, Mr. D. Tabatchnik, Mapam, and Mr. I. Edelman, Poalei Aguda, were elected Deputy Mayors. Mr. Krasman, 35, is employed at a clerk at the Tnuva branch here.

The Mapam Councillors preferred to vote for Mr. Krasman, who belongs to the left-wing (Lamifneh) of "Hapoel Hamizrahi," rather than form a coalition with the centre.

The outgoing Mayor, Mr. Y. Saphir, had summoned three Council meetings for this evening, declaring that any number of Councillors present at the third meeting would constitute a quorum, but the full number was present at the first meeting. Election of a Mayor had been delayed because for lack of a quorum, following the Supreme Court ruling that Mr. P. Rashish could not serve as Mayor after his election last month, declaring illegal a vote cast for him by a Councillor who was not a resident of Petah Tikva.

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Social & Personal

Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour, is spending two days in the Beersheba area. She will visit Tel Yeruham, Kurnub and the road to Sdom to inspect public works.

Dr. Avraham Granott, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund, has returned from his visit to the U.S., Canada and France.

Dr. Walter Strauss, Professor of Public Health at the Hebrew University and adviser to the Ministry of Health, has been appointed the Government's representative on the expert Advisory panel for Public Health Administration of the U.N. World Health Organization.

Mr. Mordecai Gilad, head of the Israel Meteorological Services, and Mr. Naftali Rosnan, head of the Climatological Section, left for Paris by El Al yesterday to represent Israel at the forthcoming international convention of the World Meteorological Association.

Mr. Arthur Lourie, the Consul-General in New York, and Mrs. Lourie are staying at the Eden Hotel in Jerusalem.

A reception for Mrs. Jane Prince and Mrs. Rose Isaacs, President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Women's League for Israel, New York, was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Wigoder in Talbieh, Jerusalem. Among the guests were Dr. and Mrs. Cecil Roth, Sir Leon and Lady Simon and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Auster.

Dr. C. Wormann, Director of the Jewish National and University Library, has been invited to serve as Associate Editor of "Libri," a new international library review. The editors are Dr. Jean Anker and Dr. Svend Dahl, respectively Director of the University Library and the State Librarian of the Royal Library, of Copenhagen.

Miss Dvorah Kaplan, student at the Hebrew University, has been awarded the Meir Heifetz Prize for her essay on "The Federative Idea during World War II and Its Aftermath."

Mr. Yehuda Spiegel, Secretary General of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, has returned from his visit abroad.

Mr. B. Cizik will lecture to the Vegetarian and Nature Cure Society at the Straus Health Centre, Tel Aviv, tonight on the present agricultural situation in Israel as compared with ancient Hebrew agriculture.

Dr. I. Kissin, of the Argentine, will lecture on "Forestry Problems in the Argentine" to the Society of Israel Foresters at Ilanot at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Dr. P. Weill will lecture on "Tuberculosis of the Lungs" at the Brandeis Centre on Rehov Harav Kook in Jerusalem at 7.45 this evening.

BIRTH

HIRSCH — To Frieda, née Wechsler, wife of Mr. Gerhard Gabriel Hirsch of Haifa, on March 9, 1951 — a son.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Amdur, Buxbaum, Brenner, Amdur (New York) and Schiff families take great pleasure in welcoming relatives, friends and acquaintances on Monday, March 12, between 5 and 7.30 p.m. on the occasion of the celebration of the Golden Wedding of their parents, Yerahmiel and Tova Amdursky, at the Tel Aviv Hotel, Zion Circle, Jerusalem.

OBITUARY

Mr. Ephraim Arber

The death took place in Tel Aviv on March 10, 1951 of Mr. Ephraim Arber. The funeral took place yesterday.

Sharett Receives Yugoslav Visitors

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Yugoslav labour delegation now visiting Israel at the invitation of the Histadrut was received today by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett at Hakirya.

The group of four today also visited the agricultural centre, where they were told about agricultural settlement in Israel, the "Davar" newspaper and the Assis preserves factory.

Tonight, the Yugoslav Minister, M. Milicevic, is giving a reception in honour of the visitors.

SWEDISH UNION GROUP

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A Swedish trades unions delegation is expected here on April 17, it was revealed at the meeting of the Histadrut Executive Central Committee here today.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Meir, Rehov Jaffa, near Egged, 4192. Finzi, German Colony, 4746. **TEL AVIV:** Rambam, 72 Allenby, 3066. Zinker, 65 Herzl, 4782. Bracha, 363 Dizengoff, [illegible]. Bilu, 21 Bilu, 4062. **JAFFA:** Alfandari, Rehov Jerusalem, 80607. **HATIKVA:** Hatikva. **YAD ELIAHU:** Brand. **HAIFA:** Oriental, 87 Herzl, 3221. Maschiach, opp. Hadar Cinema, [illegible]. Haifa Bay: Bialik, Kiryat Bialik, [illegible].

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JAFFA: [illegible]
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Kanaf, 9 Bustros, JAFFA.

Labour Exchanges: Forecast and Review

By Our Labour Correspondent

ACCORDING to the official figures, the results of the work of the Labour Exchanges during the past year have been astonishing. When the ma'barot experiment was launched, everything indicated that unemployment was unavoidable: tens of thousands of new jobs had to be provided; the necessary money to expand production was not available. Unemployment *should* have been the immediate result.

Looking back on 1950, it is apparent that things have taken a contrary turn. There were bad months and good months; even in the bad months, unemployment never exceeded manageable proportions. It is, of course, questionable whether people who work 16 or 19 days a month should be classed as fully employed. It should also be asked whether the term should be applied when a considerable part of those employed are engaged in public works projects, which, when terminated, time and again turn the workers back into the labour market. It is also apparent that the Exchanges were not the only factors which were active in achieving the successes of the past year.

Employment Question

It would be unjustified, however, to use the terminology and conceptions of an advanced economy in relation to Israel. That 1950 should have gone by without mass unemployment is in itself remarkable. How long this state of affairs can continue is an open question. There can be differences of opinion as to whether the Labour Exchanges should act as they do today, providing social welfare services, creating jobs and offering vocational training opportunities in addition to distributing work. If tasks were to be divided according to departmental definitions, then, of course, social welfare would be handled by the Ministry of Social Welfare, and jobs created by the development authorities and public works agencies. In reality, there is a broad overlapping of the various agencies concerned; under the pressure of mass immigration even specialized bodies have branched out into related fields, losing their specialized characters in the process.

The year 1951 will confront the Exchanges with even tougher jobs than did 1950. The Ministry of Labour has stated that building will be curtailed due to lack of cement. The prospects in the field of public works are unfavourable, as the plans for road-building have been cut.

There is a tendency to divert more labour into agriculture, partly because there is not enough scope in public works, and partly because all are agreed that labour should be directed, as far as is possible, to productive activities. But these schemes are still in the preparatory stage, material for their execution is scarce, and it is doubtful whether many of the plans now being made will materialize, or materialise in time. As time goes by, moreover, it is imperative to assume that an even larger percentage of immigrants will arrive penniless totally dependent on earnings from the moment of their arrival.

One of the problems confronting the Exchanges is the need to provide work for the upper age brackets. The problem is by no means new, but it grows more urgent every day. It is sometimes astonishing to note that the "social" point of view which prevails everywhere as regards the distribution of jobs has not taken root in the matter of age. While the Exchanges do not hesitate to allocate less work to an unmarried man in order to provide subsistence for the father of a family, the needs of the higher age groups have not been given similar consideration.

Thorny Problem

The accomplishments of the Labour Exchanges should be studied carefully from several angles. There is the economic question of whether it is advisable to allocate work in such a fashion as to enable as many persons as possible to earn a minimum subsistence even if the price to be paid is half-weeks of idleness for others. The problem of output is a thorny one. It is problematic whether the Exchanges should judge a situation according to the social needs of the worker instead of according to the immediate needs of the economy.

All these questions have not been answered; they have not even been fully discussed. The Labour Exchanges have done what they have done under the pressure of ever-growing masses who had to be employed to be fed. By doing so, they have become a very powerful factor in the economy, feeling out their way by the method of trial and error. That they have done so without the guidance of a clear economic and social policy is not to be charged to their account but should be considered in the light of the uncertainty in the minds of those responsible for the economic policy as a whole.

This is the second of two articles on the Labour Exchanges. The first appeared last Wednesday.

'Consul' May Be Staged in Israel

By E. Mandowsky

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. David Kanter, the producer who staged with considerable success Giancarlo Menotti's "The Consul" in New York, has been in contact with the "Teatron Musicali" in Tel Aviv regarding the presentation of the opera here. "The Consul" won the Pulitzer Prize for Music.

Mr. Kanter has staged all of Menotti's works, including "The Consul," "The Telephone" and "The Medium."

"The Consul" was the first opera to enjoy a long run in New York, but the work was not billed as an opera, but as a "musical drama." The word "opera" was felt to be too strong to use for Broadway. Mr. Kanter later produced the work at La Scala in Milan, and in London.

Mr. Kanter told me that both he and Menotti had agreed with Jewish circles in the U.S. who had insisted that "The Consul" should be produced in Israel. The libretto, written also by Menotti, deals in a general way with the tragedy of a desperate woman in a police state who vainly attempts to obtain a visa for a neighbouring country.

The publishers and owners of the play have agreed to waive fees for an Israel production, and Menotti himself will not demand royalties for the representation here. The setting for "The Consul" is modest — "considerably more modest than for the 'Gypsy Baron,' for instance," Mr. Kanter said. What is needed, however, is a first-rate dramatic female singer, he added.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

9-1; 3-5: Memorial Exhibition J. Ryback; Exhibit of the Month: Original ceramic plate by Picasso; Bezalel Museum.

TEL AVIV

10-4: Works by Israel Artists; Tel Aviv Museum.

7.30 & 9.45 p.m.: "Special Appeal." La-La-Lo Theatre; Jascha Heifetz Hall.

8 p.m.: "Hotel de Commerce"; Chamber Theatre, Mograbi.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-3.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilead.

10-1; 4-7: Municipal Museum, 3 [illegible]

PARNASSUS
Tel Aviv: Wednesday, March 14, at 8.30.
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Schumann: Scenes of Childhood op. 15
Schumann: Kreisleriana op. 16
L. V. Beethoven: Sonata op. 109
J. Brahms: Intermezzo op. 118 No. 6 E flat minor
J. Brahms: Ballade op. 10 No. 4 B minor
J. Brahms: Valses op. 39.

AT THE CINEMA

TO say that "Stromboli" (Edison, Jerusalem) fails in what it sets out to achieve is perhaps to convey too negative an impression. "Stromboli" is a very worthwhile picture, but it falls short of the epic, that Rossellini evidently had in mind.

Bergman is hopelessly miscast: she is an actress who can portray tenderness, winsomeness, even nobility; but she has not the dramatic stature needed for the role of a callous, wordly woman faced with tragedy.

Stromboli is a volcanic island off the Mediterranean. Bergman is a post-war refugee who marries a native of the island to escape from an Italian internment camp. The underlying theme of the film is the tragic attempt of the city-bred European girl to fit into the simple, brutal life of the island.

Pictorially "Stromboli" offers many moving moments. As in his other films, Rossellini seems to capture the very flavour of his setting, the gurgle of an oar, the sleek, slimy sides of the wriggling fish, the very smell of the rising spray.

His cameras look compassionately down on the lone girl deprived of friends, of a language to speak to the people, and even more important standards to judge them by. She blunders by wearing the wrong clothes, decorating her house the wrong way and meeting the wrong people.

The brooding bodeful mood of the picture is conveyed by the dreamy background music, the intermittent cry of an infant, the chant of the people's folk songs.

The final scenes of the volcano erupting show Rossellini at his best and worst. His delight in creating beautiful patterns, is given full play, and the night scenes of lighted lava rolling down the cloudswept, burning island linger in the mind. But Bergman stumbling to run away, alone, afraid, is unconvincing in her misery; she cannot stand up to the drama of the elements.

Scarlett Revived

"GONE With the Wind" is a current revival at the Eden.

A spry Southern minx called
O'Hara
Went as far as she could —
and still farer
With some bold hanky panky
To counter the Yankee
Then went back to her shack
— down at Tara.

— J. R.

1945 Vintage

THE Jerusalem premiere of "Duffy's Tavern" (Semadar) is a star-stuffed Hollywood parade of 1945 vintage.

It brings many of Paramount's personalities and about 30 guest-stars to the screen. Betty Hutton is psychoanalysed by Billy de Wolfe in a grotesque pantomime during which she regresses to three years of age.

The late Bob Benchley tells the four charming Crosby kids the story of the life of their father, Bing, who appears at the climax along with his co-star, Dorothy Lamour. Excellent entertainment is also provided by Victor Moore, Paulette Goddard, Veronica Lake, Alan Ladd and Eddie Bracken.

Revival

THE revival of Victor Hugo's "Hunchback of Notre Dame" (Tel Or) proves that the spectacular mob scenes and the superb acting of Charles Laughton have lost none of their original attraction.

Jolson Memorial

"JOLSON Sings Again" (Zion) starts where the "Jolson Story" left off, with Jolson's separation from his wife and his return to show business during World War II when he entertained the G.I.'s. Larry Parks plays Al again and the picture gives us his triumphant return as a radio singer. Ludwig Donath again plays Jolson's hazan father, William Demarest is the impresario-pal and Barbara Hale, his nurse and second wife.

The picture was completed before Jolson left for the Korea war front where he collapsed while entertaining the troops. The heartwarming voice lives forever. *FRANGO*

Fair to Middlin'

"YOU Can Believe Me" (Amphitheatre, Haifa) is a mediocre film comedy which does not do right by the talents of Robert Walker who plays a trickster trying to turn the heart of a simple English girl (Deborah Kerr) on her way to America to take possession of her inheritance.

This reviewer found much which could be improved in the picture, but the audience found plenty to laugh at.

Carnegie Hall

THE revival of "Carnegie Hall" (Armon) gives us another chance to enjoy outstanding music played by a brilliant list of musicians and composers, including Stokowski, Walter, Heifetz, Piatagorsky, Pinza and—as a sop to the lowbrows—Harry James and his band. — *H.*

Jerusalem Cinemas

At 3, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

EDEN: Gone with the Wind, 3 & 7.30 p.m. Also at 10 a.m.
EDISON: Stromboli.
ORION: Three Appointments (6.30 and 8.30 p.m.).
SEMADAR: Duffy's Tavern, (6.30 and 8.30 p.m.).
STUDIO: Phantom of the Opera.
ZION: Jolson Sings Again.

SUPREME COURT CASES TODAY

Before Justices Dunkelblum, Silberg & Witkon: (H.C.13/51): Knaan Hassan Ismail & Others (rep. by Hoadi) v. Director of Tel Mond Prison & Others; (H.C. 120/50): Yosef Kasem el Salem (rep. by Hoadi) v. Controller of Absentee Property, Tel Aviv; (C.A. 96/50): Y. Zinky & Others (rep. by Hermon) v. W. Khayat (rep. by Weinshall).

Before Justices Olshan, Agranat & Landau: (H.C.178/50): Y. Huar (rep. by Tonik) v. Treasury & Others; (Cr.A.129/50): H. Fried & Others (rep. by Rosenberg) v. Attorney General; (Cr. A. 135/50): Attorney General v. Y. Friedman (rep. by Elkayam).

ON THE AIR

TEL AVIV: 43.9, 33.3 & 522 M.; JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6, 8.30 and 10.25 p.m.; **English:** 2 and 10.15 p.m.; **Arabic Programme** (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; **French:** 3 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service 6.35 Exercises. **6.45** Musical Clock (R). **7.15** Melodies. **7.45** Oriental Music (R). **8.30** Close Down.

10.00 a.m. Morning Concert (R). **10.30** Music of the People (R). **11.00** Concert Hall: Overture "Oberon" (Weber); Violin Concerto (Walton); Sinfonietta (Janacek). **12.00** N. Break for Music (R). **12.30** Programme for Hospitals. **1.00** Soldiers' Programme. **1.45** Housewives' Corner. **3.15** Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. **4.20** Oriental Music: E. Aharon. **4.35** Vocal Recital: Ina Goldstein and Avraham Weinberg. **5.00** Variety (R). **5.30** Talk by E. Olswanger. **5.45** Interlude. **5.50** Agricultural Corner. **6.15** "Echoes of the Week" by D. Sher. **6.30** Children's Hour. **7.00** "From Worker to Worker:" Talk. **7.45** Bible Reading. **8.00** Soldiers' Programme. **8.45** "Shadmot." **9.15** Popular Tales and Songs. **9.35** Piano Recital: Maya Rabinowitz. **10.00** Vocal Recital: Naomi Tsuri. **10.30** Recital: Sacha Parnes and Moshe Lustig. **11.00** Hebrew Songs (R). **11.15** Close Down.

Immigrants Hour (33.3 M.): 7.00 p.m. **Yiddish;** 7.20 p.m. **Ladino;** 7.40 p.m. **French.**

Kol Zion Lagola (33.3 M.): 12.00 M. Newsreel. 12.15 Musical Quiz. 12.30 "The Writings of H. Hazaz" by Y. Meroz.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (31.32 and 24.92 M.): 6.30 News. 6.40 News Talk. 6.45 Review of the Weekly British Press.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (220, 224 & 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.33 Classical Request Programme. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Weekly Interview by D. Rivlin. 7.50 Interlude. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.40 Interlude. 8.45 Army Quiz. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

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(Games played Saturday)

ENGLISH LEAGUE			
Division I			
Arsenal	2	Aston Villa	1
Burnley	1	Sunderland	1
Everton	0	Charlton	0
Huddersfield	1	Fulham	2
Middelsbrough	1	Liverpool	1
Portsmouth	0	Manchester U.	0
Stoke C.	0	Tottenham	0
Division II			
Bury	1	Sheffield U.	1
Cardiff	0	Doncaster	0
Chesterfield	1	Leeds U.	0
Coventry C.	4	Hull C.	1
Grimsby T.	1	Blackburn	1
Leicester	1	West Ham	0
Notts. C	2	Southampton	2
Preston N.E.	7	Barnsley	0
Q.P.R.	1	Luton T.	1
Division III (South)			
Bournemouth	2	Brighton	2
Bristol C.	2	Norwich	2
Exeter	1	Crystal P	2
Gillingham	0	Newport	1
Ipswich	5	Aldershot	2
Leyton O.	5	Torquay	1
Millwall	2	Northampton	1
Plymouth	5	Swindon	1
Reading	3	Colchester	2
Southend	0	Bristol R.	0
Walsall	0	Notts. F.	2
Watford	2	Port Vale	0
Division III (North)			
Accrington	1	Rochdale	2
Barrow	0	Crewe A.	1
Bradford	2	Lincoln	1
Carlisle	2	Bradford C.	1
Mansfield T.	1	Hartlepools	0
Oldham	2	Darlington	0
Rotherham	1	Gateshead	2
Scunthorpe	2	Halifax	1
Southport	0	Chester	1
Tranmere	0	Shrewsbury	1
Wrexham	2	Stockport	0
York C.	2	N. Brighton	0
SCOTTISH LEAGUE			
Scottish Cup — Fourth Round			
Airdrie	0	Hibernians	3
Ayr U.	2	Motherwell	2
Celtic	3	Aberdeen	0
Dundee	1	Raith R.	2
Division A			
Morton	0	Falkirk	1
Partick T.	4	E. Fife	0
Rangers	4	Clyde	0
Th. Lanark	1	St. Mirren	2
Division B			
Albion R.	4	Alloa	2
Arbroath	2	Cowdenb'th	1
Dumbarton	2	Hamilton Ac.	1
Dunfermline	2	Forfar	4
Qun. o'Sth.	0	Queens Park	1
Stenh'semuir	0	Stirling	1
St. Johnstone	1	Kilmarnock	0
ENGLISH AMATEUR CUP			
Semi-Final			
Bromley	2	Bishop Auck.	3
Fourth Round Replay			
Hendon	2	Wimbledon	0

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON SUNDAY

Huda Karim, Tur., Wood.
Komemiut, Is., Gen. Cargo.
Hadar, Is., Gen. Cargo.
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Capt. St. Martin, Fr. Wheat.
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Naty, It., Rice, Wheat.
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Kavraz, Tur., Compl. Unloading.
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Hamored, Is., Compl. Unloading.
San Michele, It., Carobs.
Recco, It., Being Repaired.
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11	Lica Maersk	Barley.
11	Pirlant	Gen. Cargo
11	Frankis	Bagged Cargo, Gen. Cargo
12	Nazim	Barley.
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GOVERNMENT LOANS' ADMINISTRATION

Philanthropist Ray Fights for Franc

Sugar Ray Robinson, recent winner of the world welterweight boxing championship with a growing reputation as a philanthropist, will defend his crown for the nominal sum of one franc (about one pruta) against French champion, Kid Marcel, at the Palais de Sport, Paris, for a French Cancer Fund Benefit.

Robinson fought a similar benefit, for the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund in the United States against Charley Fusari for $1. His purse went to the Fund.

Louis Can Still Punch

Joe Louis, former world champion, recently took another step towards his return for a heavyweight boxing championship fight when he scored a technical K.O. over Andy Walker, of San Francisco, in the final round of their 10-round bout. Louis pounded Walker into submission in 1 min. 49 secs. of the last round with a tremendous flurry of rights and lefts to the jaw that had his opponent groggy.

More than 116,000 fans saw the former title-holder make a punching bag of the California State champion throughout the fight. Walker withstood tremendous punches in a number of rounds and fought back in spurts to score infrequently on the "Brown Bomber."

In the 10th round, Joe (at 207 lbs.) worked Walker (194 lbs) into a corner and unleashed a tremendous barrage of blows that had the Californian in a bad way when the referee stopped the fight. Although he was not the Louis of old, when he ruled the heavyweight ranks for nearly 12 years, Joe showed that he could still throw plenty of punches and take some in return.

POUND DROPPED TO 81 CENTS

After being quoted for some time at 4.25 Swiss Francs, the Israel Pound dropped again a week ago. On March 3 it dropped to 3.80 Swiss francs and two days later to 3.70. The dollar is quoted at 4.30, so that the Pound in terms of dollars would be $0.81. Other Geneva rates last Tuesday (March 6) were:

United States (dollar)	4.29
Great Britain (pound)	10.60
France (100 fr.)	1.105
West Germany (100 mk.)	78.75
Belgium (100 fr.)	8.11
Holland (100 gulden)	99.75
Sweden (100 kronor)	68.00
Italy (100 lire)	0.62
Austria (100 sch.)	14.40
Czechoslovakia (100 cr.)	1.00
Denmark (100 kr.)	48.00
Norway (100 kr.)	44.00
Egypt (Eg. pound)	10.70
Israel (Is. pound)	3.70
Palestine (Pal. pound)	7.60
Spain (100 pesetas)	7.90
Portugal (100 escudos)	14.90
Argentine (100 pesos)	26.75
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THE WEATHER

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	—	9	18	17
Nathanya	68	11	22	22
Lydda Airport	83	8	23	23
Jerusalem	78	12	21	21
Beersheba	67	11	22	24

Forecast: Decreasing cloudiness and weather becoming fair.

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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1,237 immigrants from Rumania are due in the s.s. Transilvania today.

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For driving with bright headlights and blinding an oncoming motorcycle policeman on the Petah Tikva Road on January 21, Yehoshua Lenzner, a taxi driver, was fined IL.25 by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

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The trial of Mordecai Goldstein, charged with war crimes while serving as a policeman at the Ostrovitz Ghetto, was sent to the District Court by Tel Aviv Magistrate Z. Waldman yesterday.

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Adam Dichter, of Haifa, was sentenced for the sixth time in six weeks for stealing yesterday. He was given two months' imprisonment for stealing clothing from a house on Mt. Carmel. Dichter tried to influence the Judge by simulating insanity and barking in court, but his efforts proved unavailing.

Zealots Accuse Police Of Brutality

The Jerusalem police were accused of gross brutality before the District Court yesterday when the three final witnesses described various skirmishes that had taken place between police and residents of the Mea Shearim quarter in August, 1950, after vehicles that passed through the quarter on the Sabbath had been pelted with stones.

Upon a strong protest of the prosecution, Judge M. Gaulan ruled out the repeated comparisons, made by one of the witnesses, of the police behaviour to German atrocities in European ghettoes.

The defendants were represented by Dr. J. Frank and Mr. J. Bazak. The trial will be concluded next month.

Ration News

TEL AVIV — Local Butter, 100 grams on books Aleph and Bet, Peh 14. Eggs, children 5, adults 2, Yud 30. Flour, 1 kilo, Tet 180, temporary 13. Chicken, 250 grams, Shin Daled 25, temporary 29, tourists 7, zones 3, 4, and 5, distribution ends today. Tomatoes, 150 grams, Tet 231, zones 5 and 6. Bananas, 500 grams, on books Aleph and Bet, Peh 13, temporary 27, tourists "child 2," distribution ends on Wednesday.

HAIFA AND SHOMRON — Eggs, children 5, adults 2, Yud 30. Milk ration unchanged. Local Butter, 100 grams, Aleph and Bet, Peh 14. Chicken, 250 grams, Shin Daled 25, distribution ends this week; to sick persons, 600 grams, Books Het Bet 10, distribution ends tomorrow. Tomatoes, 300 grams, Aleph and Bet, 203, temporary 32. Bananas, 500 grams, Aleph and Bet, Peh 11, distribution ends this week; to sick persons, 1 kilo, Het Bet 9, distribution ends Thursday. Monthly rations, Jam, ration for February, 300 grams, no coupon. Biscuits, ration for February, 150 grams, plus 100 grams on Aleph and Bet, no coupons. Beans, 300 grams, no coupons. Cheese, 200 grams, no coupons. Tinned fish, 1 tin, no coupons.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT — Eggs, children 5, adults 2, Yud 30, temporary 4; expectant mothers 10 extra during month, manual workers 6 extra, aged persons 8 extra, in two allocations. Chicken, 250 grams, Shin Daled 25, temporary 36; sick persons, on medical certificate; aged persons 500 grams during month, in two allocations. Tomatoes, 150 grams, Tet 280. Bananas, 500 grams, Aleph and Bet, Peh 11, temporary 32; sick persons, 1 kilo, in two allocations, 10 and 12. Local Butter, on medical certificate.

Personal Notice

We announce with deep sorrow the tragic death of our beloved husband, son-in-law, brother and brother-in-law,

MR. ISAAC (BRUMA) ABRAHAM

who was the victim of an accident on March 7.

His wife, Rica Abraham (nee Cohn)
His parents-in-law, Bercu and Rosina Cohn
His brothers and sisters, Marcus Abraham (America)
Phoebus and Resie Laufman (Israel)
Mona Altdorf (Israel)
Rosa, Paul and Sidi Tuchfeld (Bucharest)
Mr. and Mrs. Bubi Abraham (Bucharest)
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City Tax Rise Urged To Cut Buying Power

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Municipal taxes and other revenues should be increased in order to reduce the public's buying power, Dr. Justus Schloss, General Zionist, told the Municipal Council here tonight.

He was speaking on the budget estimates, and said the Municipality should not ask for a larger Government subsidy, because that would lead to greater inflation. Instead, the Government should allow the Municipality to arrange a lottery in which houses would be the prize. The Government should also introduce a tax on excess use of commodities such as electricity, and pass on the revenue to the municipalities. Tel Aviv would get IL.200,000 from a 10 per cent tax on the consumption of electricity, he said. The Government was not doing enough to reduce the purchasing power of the population, Dr. Schloss argued.

Mapam Asks Wage Rise

Mr. Pinhas Tubin, Mapam, suggested that the wages of municipal personnal be increased by 25 per cent, and revealed that a demand for wage increases would be made shortly. He wanted municipal rates to be proportional to the income tax figures, and the business tax to be calculated in accordance with the number of employees in the business.

Mr. A. Kamini, Histadrut, said the Municipality had failed to make good use of the city's "natural resources," such as the sea, and recalled that the casino and the municipal baths had been torn down without anything being built in their stead. Mr. Kamini said his party would oppose any increase in municipal rates. The fact that an increase was envisaged was confirmed by Dr. Moshe Cohen, Herut Vice-Mayor, who forecast a five per cent rise in the present rates. Dr. Cohen said the Municipality should be allowed to add 10 per cent on the income tax calculations. He also suggested that the entertainment tax be paid entirely to the Municipality.

New Clothing and Food Ration Books Will Be Issued in May

The distribution of new, separate ration books for food and clothing will begin in the middle of May and continue until the end of June, it was announced yesterday. Dr. Y. Pikar, Deputy Director of the Food Section of the Ministry of Agriculture, told a press conference in Jerusalem that preliminary questionnaires are being distributed by grocers to be filled out between March 15 and 26.

The ration books will also be distributed at the grocery shops, but by clerks of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Nearly 1,400,000 books have been printed as compared with the 800,000 issued two years ago. Five types of food books will be issued: up to the age of three, from three to 13, from 13 to 19, from 19 to 65 and over 65. Each will have its own background colour, while the printing will be in three colours for each of the three main districts, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Dr. Pikar said that work has been under way on the new books for six months and will cost the Government IL.150,000 but will be recovered by the charge of 100 pruta for each food book and 50 pruta for the clothing and shoe book. Persons will be able to keep their old books "as a souvenir." Unused coupons will be cancelled.

Settlements and Arab villages will get only ration cards, although special Arabic ration books will be issued to Arab citizens in the cities. Tourists will be able to buy items for foreign currency in special shops, while those without foreign exchange will be given special books.

Meat This Week But Fewer Eggs

Frozen meat rations will be distributed this week although it will take several weeks before a regular supply is assured the country, Dr. Y. Pikar of the Ministry of Agriculture, reported yesterday.

Chief reason for the irregular supply, he said, was a dispute in Argentina between the cattlemen and packers. The trouble has been settled but it will take about six weeks before the effects of the settlement are felt here.

The egg ration will be cut this week to five for children and two for adults. He attributed the decrease to a shortage of feed for chickens and to the stockpiling of eggs for the Passover holidays.

Dr. Pikar also announced that 120,000 changes of grocers had been made by Tel Aviv residents alone in the January-February period during which the changes were permitted.

Light Bulb Sale To Be Supervised

Supplies of electric bulbs arriving from abroad are to be frozen, the Ministry of Trade and Industry announced yesterday. They will be allocated to the various districts through the local Trade Associations, and their sale will be supervised to ensure fair distribution.

The new arrangement follows complaints from the public in connection with the current shortage of bulbs, the notice added. Allocation was previously uncontrolled. The bulbs will be sold at fixed prices, and retailers will submit the name of each purchaser to the central district office.

Council for Ramot Hasharon, Model Cooperative Village

KFAR SABA, Sunday.— The cooperative village of Ramot Hashavim, the first such settlement, which was founded in 1933 by middle-class immigrants from Western Europe, today formally attained local council status. The ceremony, held in the presence of Justice Minister P. Rosen, was opened by District Officer Y. Kupermann, who read the formal promulgation issued by the Ministry of the Interior.

Mr. V. Mannheim, chairman of the new nine-member council which includes two women, pointed out that a vital community was not created merely by a declaration but was the result of men showing themselves worthy of forming the group.

Speaking for the Government, Mr. Rosen referred to the distinctive atmosphere of Ramot Hashavim, which had proved to be a model followed by many other later villages. He hoped that the village would maintain its special character in the future.

Ramot Hashavim was founded by German refugees, many of them professional men, and quickly became one of the main poultry breeding centres of the country. The village now has more than 70,000 chickens and produces each season some 350,000 chicks. Last year the village marketed eight million eggs, 3,300 tons of chicken feed and 180 tons of live poultry.

Proskauer to Tour Galilee and North

TEL AVIV, Sunday. —Judge J. Proskauer, now touring Israel, today gave a farewell luncheon to his friends in Israel at the Sharon Hotel. He is to tour Galilee and the north for the next few days and will sail from Haifa, together with his wife, in the s.s. Kedma on Thursday.

Among those present at the luncheon were Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, Mayor O. Ben Ami of Nathanya, Mr. Y. Ariav, of the Farmers' Federation, and Mr. A. Lourie, Israel Consul-General in New York.

The U.S. judge was yesterday the guest of the American Fund for Israel Institutions. He visited the Tel Aviv Museum in the morning, and was later entertained at a party in his honour at the home of the artist Rubin. He attended a concert at the Museum in the early evening and later Habimah's presentation of "Death of a Salesman."

Agency Discusses Action with HIAS

The question of joint activity by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and the Jewish Agency was discussed yesterday at the weekly meeting of the Agency Executive in Jerusalem. Dr. N. Goldmann, Chairman of the Executive in New York, reported on the talks at present in progress with various Government Ministries of the legal status of the Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency. The Executive endorsed the position taken in the discussions.

Dr. Goldmann also spoke on the forthcoming World Congress of Sephardic Jews due to take place shortly in Paris. Mr. Moshe Kol, head of the Youth Aliya Department, reported on the Appeal in India.

Dr. A. Granott, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund, was welcomed back from his visit to the U.S. by the Chairman of the Executive, Mr. B. Locker.

SHAPIRO RECEIVES ARAB DELEGATION

The question of separate Arab representation in local government was discussed at a meeting in Jerusalem yesterday between the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Moshe Shapiro, and an Arab delegation from Haifa.

Mr. Shapiro reported on the plan to widen the scope and activities of the municipal subcommittees and promised to recommend that opportunity be given to representatives of non-Jewish inhabitants to participate in these bodies. On the wider question of special representation on the municipal councils themselves, the Minister promised to bring suggestions to the Government for special consideration.

The Swedish government is prepared to grant licences for the import of flowers and shallots from Israel. It is anticipated that there will be a good market for these items during the winter months.

FIVE IN ALLEGED FOOD RING HELD

JAFFA, Sunday.—A primary source of black market sausages and tinned meat was uncovered in a private apartment here last night and five persons were arrested, following intensified police action on the economic front.

Tel Aviv's newly-formed Economic Police discovered in the apartment a list of more than 40 Tel Aviv residents apparently being served by the ring, and a list of six restaurants on the Jaffa-Tel Aviv border. The apartment also contained scales, meat cutting machines, and appreciable quantities of imported tinned meats and sausages. Several kilos of Suchard chocolates were also found.

Leading the group of five is a woman whom police describe as a professional smuggler and black marketeer. The group apparently obtained its food both from legitimate foreign parcels and from professional smugglers. It was sold largely from door to door.

The Economic Branch also succeeded in confiscating large quantities of eggs and several slaughtered chickens which were brought into Tel Aviv from the Sharon area. This morning police raided the Carmel market in search of hidden vegetables. Several persons were arrested.

Two Appeal For Car Licences

Orders nisi for two Nazareth residents who could not renew their car licences following the Army's requisitioning of the vehicles were issued by the High Court in Jerusalem yesterday. The Inspector of Road Traffic was asked to show cause why the licences of Iskandar Abu el-Assal and Naim Muslam should not be renewed.

The cars of both applicants were requisitioned by the Army in support of the war effort. El-Assal's car was returned, but after several applications, he found it impossible to get a licence. Naim Muslam's car had been sold by the Army. While his application for damages was being considered, he bought a new car, but also found it impossible to renew his permit.

The Court was composed of Justices Olshan, Cheshin and Agranat.

MOTHER, DAUGHTER GIVEN PRISON TERMS

HAIFA, Sunday. — A woman and her young daughter, of the Ein Shemer immigrant camp, were sentenced today to six months' and 37 days' imprisonment respectively for endangering the life of the daughter's one-day-old child by abandoning it in an open latrine in the camp on October 7, 1950.

SUMMER TIME STARTS MAR. 31

Summer time will come into force in Israel at 2 a.m. on March 31, when clocks will be put forward one hour, it was announced yesterday. The new time will remain operative until September 29.

This will put Israel time three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time, the announcement added.

High Court Upholds Death Sentence

The Supreme Court in Jerusalem yesterday rejected the appeal of Mohammed el-Fakir, 22, who was sentenced to death by the Tel Aviv District Court for permeditated murder.

The accused had been apprehended in January 1949 in front of the house of his victim, in the Ajamy quarter of Jaffa, confessing in blood-stained clothes that there was "no need to enter, no one else is inside; I slit his throat." The deceased, identified as M. Piani, 55, had earlier that day demanded that el-Fakir repay a debt.

Doubt Claimed

The main argument offered on behalf of the appellant was that Piani had thrown a chair and table at el-Fakir and that, in self-defence, el-Fakir had then wrenched a razor from Piani's hands and killed him with it. This was sufficient to cast doubt on whether the murder was premeditated.

The Court rejected this argument, pointing out that according to the findings of the lower court, the accused had bought the razor and had invited his victim to the room where he eventually killed him. This testimony establishes premeditation without doubt, the Supreme Court held.

Justices Agranat, Silberg, and Witkon sat on the Bench. Deputy State Attorney J. Kokia prosecuted.

Since a bill is pending in the Knesset to abolish capital punishment, no executions have yet taken place.

CONDEMNED MEN STRIKE

Five of the seven men in the Tel Mond prison awaiting the death sentence began a hunger strike yesterday morning in protest against their detention for an extended period without knowledge about their fate.

TOURIST COUPLE HELD FOR FRAUD

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—A tourist and his wife, in Israel for over a year and now residing in Lydda, were brought before the Magistrate's Court here today on charges of having fraudulently obtained thousands of pounds from various persons in Israel on the pretence that they were establishing a large cement factory here. The husband was remanded for 15 days and his wife was released on IL.1,000 bail.

The two reportedly told their victims that they had a large bank account in Milan, and exhibited documents purporting to show that appreciable quantities of goods belonging to them were standing in Haifa Port. The couple is also charged with fraudulently obtaining the signature of Lydda's Vice-Mayor to a IL.500 bond.

According to the police, the accused, who come from the Argentine, obtained sums ranging from IL.460 to IL.3,000 from four persons who had been invited to become partners in the factory.

KEDMAH REPAIRED

HAIFA, Sunday. — Repairs on the s.s. Kedmah have been completed at the dry dock at Genoa. She is due in Haifa on Wednesday. This is her first regular trip following the accident in Haifa Port at the end of January when her hull was damaged after she struck the submerged wreck of the s.s. Patria.

Two Haifa Police Officers To Be Tried

First Inspector David Tryfus and Sergeant [illegible] Schwarzbard will stand trial in the civil court following the police investigation into the behaviour of members of the force implicated in the trial of Gershon Ritov and his companions.

The trial was ordered by the Minister of Police, Mr B. Shitreet, after his study of the Ritov trial record and the results of the inquiry conducted by the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Mr Joseph Nahmias.

Five Returned to Duty

Inspector Tryfus was relieved of his duties on January 22 upon the order of the Police Minister, after consultation with the Inspector General, Mr. Y. Sahar.

Suspension from duty was cancelled by Mr. Shitreet for five other members of the force, Y. Yitshaki, F. Formova, A. Zimershpitz, A. Warberg and A. Klein. No basis for trial existed in the cases of the first two, it was announced. Although there was evidence that Warberg and Klein had engaged in illegal action, the fact that they had testified in court for the State was taken into consideration in returning them to their posts.

The prosecution in the Tryfus and Schwarzbard trial will be handled by the Attorney General.

Exploding Pipe Kills Foundry Shop Owner

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—A father of three children was killed here this morning when a metal pipe which he had been heating over a fire blew up in his hands. Police report that the pipe was filled with explosive powder, apparently having once been made into a bomb, and was lying in a scrap pile in the foundry of the deceased, Meir Rottbard, 45.

A fellow worker, Ziesha Heiklin, was seriously injured while Mordecai Ben Yehoshua, another worker, was slightly hurt. The small one-room foundry located in Givat Herzl was slightly damaged.

IMMIGRANT KILLED

Victor Shemtov, 21, was killed yesterday when he fell from the fourth story of a building on which he was working in the Nahlat Shiva Quarter of Jerusalem. It was the victim's first day of work in Israel, having only recently arrived from Iraq.

Mapai Official Injured In Kfar Saba Clash

KFAR SABA, Sunday. — Mr. Uri Urieli, the secretary of the local branch of Mapai, was taken to hospital with injuries sustained in a clash between Mapai and Mapam members here on Thursday. The quarrel arose over ownership and tenancy of a house bought last week by Mapai to serve as a local clubroom. The secretary of the local Mapam branch, Mr. L. Halevy, claimed that a Mapam member had rented the house two months ago from the owner, Mrs. A. Ben Yoseph, and was entitled to live there.

The clash which followed the forceful entry of Mapam members into the house was halted by a passing policeman, who forbade both sides to enter.

A war widow who allegedly received IL.145 in death benefits after she had remarried, was arrested in Tel Aviv yesterday, and released on IL.100 bail.

Social Justice Urged by Pope

VATICAN CITY Sunday (Reuter).—Pope Pius XII, explaining the social policy of the Catholic Church in a broadcast today, said "without the Church the social question is insoluble." But he added, "even the Church cannot solve the problem alone. It needs the collaboration of the intellectual, economic and technical forces of the secular powers."

The Pope was addressing meetings of Spanish workers organized throughout Spain to celebrate the 12th anniversary of his coronation.

All the good to be found in the social legislation of the most diverse countries was nothing but an application of the principles laid down by the Church, the Pope said.

Private Property

The Church had never preached social revolution, but throughout 2,000 years had tenaciously striven to obtain "that greater regard be paid to man than to technical advantages and, that all who work wholeheartedly be accorded Christian standards of life worthy of a human being. Therefore, the Church defends the right to private property, a right which she considers fundamentally untouchable," the Pope continued.

"But she also insists on the necessity of a more just distribution of property and denounces all that is contrary to nature in a social situation where, in contrast to a small group of privileged and vastly rich people, there lives an enormous impoverished mass.

"There will always be economic inequality. But all those who can in any way exert an influence on the development of society should strive to obtain such a situation that permits all those who do their best not only to live but also to save."

Karachi Conspiracy 'Led by Communists'

NEW DELHI, Sunday, (AP). —The alleged Pakistani army conspiracy was aimed at the establishment of a Communist military dictatorship, the "Times of India" reported today under a Karachi dateline.

It added that Pakistani Commander-in-Chief General Ayub issued an Order of the Day telling officers of the general headquarters that he had documentary proof to show the arrested army officers were in league with the Communists and conspired to undermine Pakistan's stability.

Tito Says Yugoslavs Would Fight to Last

BELGRADE, Sunday, (AP).—Marshal Tito warned Russia and the Soviet satellites today that Yugoslavia stands ready to spill her blood to defend her independence and freedom from any invasion attack from the East.

He declared: "Every spot of our land is saturated with blood, but—if it is necessary—we will saturate it again with blood, and it will remain ours."

He spoke to an audience of approximately 1,000 veterans who participated in World War II's underground fight. His speech was punctuated by applause.

Jibed at Stalin

For the first time, with Slavic scorn, he jibed at Marshal Stalin himself. Tito said that he had come to the rally suffering from an attack of influenza which recently confined Foreign Minister Edward Hardelu to bed. Yugoslavia's chief, who has taken over the Foreign Minister's duties, said Hardelu's absence prompted the Soviet-led Cominform to interpret it as a sign that Yugoslavia is going over to the "imperialist camp."

"That is why I am here," he said with a grin. "It is different in the Eastern countries. If Stalin sneezes, that is considered a contribution to the science of Marxism-Leninism."

THE WAR OFFICE yesterday announced the appointment of Major-General G.D. Packard, Commander of the British Military Mission to Greece, as Chief of Staff of British Middle East land forces.

THIS AD BROUGHT RESULTS

The following advertisement appeared in the columns of The Jerusalem Post on Tuesday, March 6

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Thursday, 22.3, 9 p.m.

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MID-EAST DEFENCE

THIS week's conference at Malta of military Commanders in the Mediterranean is intended to sum up and conclude the recent round of discussions on the "defence of the Middle East." While fighting in the Far East continues and preparations for the defence of Western Europe are under way, the Middle East has been relegated to a secondary position in deliberations on policy and strategy. The need for a summing-up of this kind has been emphasized by Turkey and Greece who, in the interests of their own defence, are intent on joining the Atlantic Pact. As for Yugoslavia, she can apparently rely on active but independent Western support. But Mediterranean strategy in general calls for an overall plan involving defence in depth of the entire Middle Eastern region. The study of this problem was the object of General Robertson's tour and of the American conference at Istanbul.

For the time being the Middle East remains Britain's sphere of responsibility, and the conversations between Eisenhower and Montgomery and the Malta talks will apparently not alter this principle. Middle Eastern defence is part and parcel of a global Western defence, with sounder prospects perhaps than those of Western Europe defences. With the assistance of Britain and the Dominions, Middle Eastern countries could supply some two million men, apart from American air support and Anglo-American naval forces.

There have recently been many developments in this direction, and the projected American air bases in Cyprus and the Suez Canal area mark only a first stage. Incidentally, the speeding-up of military plans will at the same time hasten the solution of pending political issues, such as the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations. Military consultations between the West and Turkey are rapidly developing into a defence plan against a possible Russian attack. Likewise, the coordination of plans of action by Turkey and Greece have reached their final stage. Both countries are in need of a secure *hinterland*, which, however, is not yet fully assured by the existing naval and airforce dispositions. It suffices to point to the danger to Turkey's right flank in the event of a breakdown in Persia. The examination of this *hinterland* and the general problem of communications was another object of General Robertson's tour and of diplomatic talks in the Arab capitals. It is apparent that Jordan figures in these plans as an important base for Anglo-American air forces, and extensive road-building operations may have to be undertaken in the area.

The problem of standardization of military equipment—another lesson taught by Korea—is expected to be solved by the standardization of British, French and Italian equipment on the American pattern. This would facilitate the supply of arms to the Middle East from any of these countries and would eventually solve the problem raised by the widely-varying types of equipment now to be found in this area. If Western Europe should, in the event of aggression, stand up to the force of the initial attack, she would then, under cover of the Anglo-American naval and air fleets in the Mediterranean, provide a supply centre for the Middle East. To all appearances, the Malta conference will be devoted to a final formulation of all these plans and preparations aiming at the integration of the Mediterranean and the Middle East into the global defence of the Western world.

"OPERATION TRACTOR" — AND CAMELS — IN THE NEGEV

The Ministry of Agriculture has allocated IL. 20,000 for the ploughing of about 50,000 dunams of uncultivated land in the Negev by Beduin who were hit by the recent drought. Tractors like the one already at work (left) are being brought from all parts of the country and are in sharp contrast with the primitive camel-ploughs of the Beduin nearby. Photos by Schlesinger

East and West Build a Village

By Alice Schwarz

EAST and West do meet — at least as far as appearances are concerned—in the little village of El Roy, situated on the foot of Mount Carmel, near Kiryat Amal. Fifty families of Turkish and Kurdish origin settled here 15 years ago. They have acquired a taste for Western architecture and plumbing, whilst retaining many Oriental customs.

El Roy's houses climb up the slopes in an irregular struggling procession, similar to the Arab villages. Yet most of the houses themselves are "modern." Some of them were built a few years ago, some are under construction in the lower part of the village; young couples of the "second generation" are now building new homes. Mingled in with the houses are shacks and shanties of those too poor to build, or too indolent to get credit. Building is mostly on a "cooperative" basis, the future owner hiring the help of his neighbours and lending a hand himself.

Stranger's Greeting

In the village, the arrival of a stranger causes a mild stir of excitement. The women are reluctant at first, but later show a charming hospitality. The children are exhilarated. The men, being used to the outside world, show more sophistication. Most of them work in the nearby quarries of Nesher, or Solel Boneh, or as watchmen in Jalame. Every family has been given up to ten dunams of J.N.F. land, yet most of them do not till the soil. According to their statement, it does not pay them. They have no money to buy modern equipment; so they just keep a few cows and goats, and nearly everybody has a chicken-run.

A strange East-Western mixture of habits and habitation prevails everywhere. The new houses have shining porcelain fixtures in their up-to-date bathrooms, yet the lady of the house sits on the floor while entertaining a visitor. A bunch of children clusters around her—there are many children everywhere, some of the mothers received the Prime Minister's IL.100 for raising ten or more offspring.

There is a chair for the visitor. There are, in fact, several chairs, a piece of cloth or a rug on the floor; there are beds and sofas and even a radio or a sewing machine in many of the houses. The rooms are big—"We do not like the cramped style of the Ashkenazim!" as one of the men puts it. Some people have all the paraphernalia of Western civilization, including pictures and crocheted tablecloth and elaborately embroidered pillows; yet some of the rooms are nearly empty—in order "not to cramp their style," presumably.

The village is flourishing. It is said to have 427 inhabitants, among them some 120 children of school-age, and some 45 in the "gan." Four teachers have to take care of seven classes, which they arrange by having two "watches." The teachers are doing real pioneering work. They live in Haifa, and have to travel daily by bus to and from duty. Besides, they have to cope with large classes of children who have to be kept quiet, instructed in the "strange ways of the country," and taught a language they do not use at home. At home they speak mostly Arabic.

Teachers Enthusiastic

The teachers seem to love the place. They were eager to enumerate the sights of the surrounding country: J. Margolin's grave nearby, where a Seminarion for teachers of natural history is being erected, in memory of the deceased, a great teacher himself. The statue of Alexander Seid, the veteran watchman who was killed by Arabs 15 years ago. Now his likeness is guarding the settlement of Givat Seid. The teachers also pointed out the barbed-wire enclosure around El Roy, which was put up during the disturbances of 1936, and came in handy during the war of liberation, when the Arab Legion was a dangerous neighbour. The school itself was then used as "headquarters"—it is still crowned by a watch-tower of sturdy appearance. Nowadays, its purpose is peaceful all round the clock: in the evenings it is sometimes used as cinema, at other times it houses the pupils of evening class—young people under 17 who did not finish their elementary education.... Their parents, especially their mothers, do not come, although it would not harm them either. Most of them are innocent of any knowledge of reading or writing.

Modern Medicine

They are, on the other hand, not innocent any more of modern medicine, and demand expert craftsmanship of their doctor. There were some complaints that the ambulatory erected by the Sick Fund was draughty, and that some doctors did not understand their ways—yet there was unanimous affirmation that Kupat Holim is a useful institution. It was a pity, they said, that is could not build a house for a doctor to settle in El Roy permanently. The villagers themselves could not provide living accommodations, and had to be content, therefore, with a "flying" doctor who comes four times a week. The settlers belong to the Histadrut (Oved Hadati)—the school is run by this organization. So is the Co-op, which dispenses flour instead of the Western bread. The women bake their own "Pitta."

There are certainly great difficulties to overcome in order to finally merge the Eastern and Western influences and habits of the community. Teachers, social workers, kindergarten workers do a great job by subduing superstitions and prejudices. East and West have to be reconciled to each other somehow.

KEEPING POSTED

TOURISTS from the two luxury liners that called here recently were amazed at their whirlwind disembarkation from their respective ships, and the efficient way they were split into previously arranged groups and conducted in the latest model vehicles on a tour of the country. Within 30 minutes 650

tourists were on the move in something closely resembling a military operation. The reason: the guides were from Yatour, a cooperative of ex-servicemen, and their "operations" chief received his training in the army operations wing. The tourists were also pleasantly surprised to find that the guides declined tips, and the letters of appreciation and cables of thanks, later received from the ship, prove that Israel can give tourists a friendly welcome and first-class service.

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LAST week the Education Department finally got around to settling a teachers' dispute at the Afikim school in Haifa. For over three weeks the school's 200 pupils had an impromptu holiday, while the Department argued with the teachers over an affair that did not otherwise affect the children, and were evidently too absorbed in the problem to reply to a telegram of protest from several hundred indignant taxpaying parents.

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A BUSY week-end has produced no less than five Cabinet changes and crises, namely Persia, Turkey, France, Britain, Syria apart, of course, from the permanent religious crisis in Israel. This conglomeration of crises nearly precipitated a seventh crisis on *The Jerusalem Post's* foreign desk. After weathering the first five, the cable editor found himself with a Turkish crisis involving a Minister of Agriculture, unexpectedly named *Agriboss*. After burrowing through all the reference books in the library, the red-faced subeditor sent an apologetic correction to the printers. The name was Egriboz.

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THE establishment of new kibbutzim in the Negev recalls a telephone conversation between a Mandatory government official in Jerusalem and the British governor of Beersheba shortly after the setting up of 11 settlements in one day. The press had been requested to keep the matter a secret for 48 hours and had kept its promise. The morning the news was published the Jerusalem official called the governor of Beersheba and asked him for news. The governor replied that he didn't know anything about it and that neither the police nor the army had sent in a report. The Jerusalem official then told him that on his desk was the day's issue of The Palestine Post *with a report on the 11 new places. And from Beersheba came the answer: "Sir, the paper doesn't get here until the afternoon..."*

OVERHEARD when a young sabra met an immigrant child:

Y.S.: Where were you born?
I.C.: In Odessa.
Y.S.: Oh, we don't say "Odessa" here, we pronounce it "Hadassah."

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LAST week we reported the evident "intellectual" starvation of the Tel Avivians who stormed a bookshop which had received a large delivery of

pocketbooks. With a slightly red face we reprint a representative collection of the titles: .. ....

Murder is my business
Murder is cheap
Murder cheats bride
Murder on the yacht
I'll sing at your funeral
Death warmed over
Dead reckoning
Dead as a dummy
You hang only once
The corpse came calling
This gun for hire, etc., etc., etc....

Today's contributors include: Joseph Adler of Haifa; Akiba Goldstein of Beersheba; E. Ilani and Dr. W. Eliassow of Jerusalem.

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PURGED INDUSTRIALISTS PREPARING COMEBACK IN TOKYO

Jap Reforms to Go As Treaty Looms

By Robert P. Martin

TOKYO (ONA). — ONE of the great tragedies of preparing a peace treaty with Japan now, following the preliminary negotiations by John Foster Dulles, is that many, if not all, of the reforms once considered basic in occupation policy will be destroyed. The Japanese have already been told that they will have the right to determine what reforms are to be retained and what can be discarded.

The first reform to go will certainly be the purge, and Japanese convicted of ultra-nationalism and militarism will be permitted to reenter public life. The government and occupation authorities have already "depurged" a number of Japanese whose crime was too-willing cooperation with the militarists.

Purge Prestige

Several hundred ex-officers of the Imperial Army and Navy have been depurged and have joined or will join the National Police Reserve. Thousands of others will be depurged either in the near future or after the peace treaty has been signed.

Most Americans in Japan now have a rather cynical attitude toward the purge. The Japanese rarely attached any stigma to those purged by the occupation; in fact, the prestige of many, particularly the industrialists, was enhanced when they were purged. The Americans reason that the purge has served its purpose: those men who held power of varying degree have been out of power for three to five years, and have been replaced by new and younger blood. The purgees will never again exercise the power they once held.

This may or may not be true. But it is rather interesting that, among the Japanese John Foster Dulles saw during his trip here, were Ichiro Hatoyama and Tanzan Ishibashi. Hatoyama was an enthusiastic supporter of Hitler and even during the early days of the occupation was a leading power in the Liberal party, now headed by Premier Shigeru Yoshida.

U.S. Cooperation

Despite the purge, Hatoyama stayed on intimate terms with Yoshida. Ishibashi was a right-wing economic writer and supporter of the militarists. During the first Yoshida cabinet, he was the finance minister and initiated the postwar policy of uncontrolled inflation as a means of relieving big business interests from bearing the cost of war and defeat.

The Japanese did not miss the implications of Mr. Dulles's conferences with Hatoyama and Ishibashi. They now believe that the U.S. will accept and cooperate with any of the purgees.

Industrialists' Demands

Shortly after Mr. Dulles left for Manila, the Liberal party asked industrialists what changes they desired in the occupation's reform programmme. The industrialists said they wanted an end of the purge, repeal of the labour standards laws, abolition of the anti-monopoly and fair trade legislation, and revision of the land-reform laws.

The industrialists have two aims. They want to restore the non-competitive system in order to centralize economic power, secure greater profits and insure themselves of government subsidies. Possibly even more important, they want to eliminate as far as possible the exercise of popular voice in government. Japanese leaders say quite frankly, although not for publication, that Japan cannot block the Communists internally or assume leadership in Asia unless she reverts to the prewar system, a cartel-controlled industrial organization and a labour and agricultural mass completely subservient to government and industry.

There may be a test of strength between those groups that have benefited from the occupation's reforms, chiefly labour and agriculture, and the conservative groups that want to return to the old way of life. The initial stages of the struggle may be sharp, but it will not last for very long. Labour's heart has already been broken by steady pressure from industrial groups, the government and occupation officials, and even the non-Communist militant leadership has been more or less destroyed. Economic pressure will bring labour and the farm groups into line, and they will probably accept regimentation with only slight resistance.

The great fear now is that this regimentation will inevitably bring a lowered standard-of-living, perhaps not soon but certainly by late 1952. The rising cost of imports due to the accelerated American rearmament programme, and the loss of the China market (where Japan expected to get most of her coking coal and iron ore) will increase production costs and create inflationary pressures inside Japan. But regimentation will inhibit labour's efforts to secure wage increases.

This will bring into being the familiar pattern. Labour and the farm blocs, despite the regimentation, will begin to agitate against the conservative government and industrialists. The Communists, working underground, will take advantage of this unrest.

Popular Front Pattern

As economic conditions worsen, because of the inflation, the increasing population pressures and the restrictive police measures, there will be greater social unrest and even open revolt. Left-wing Socialists say now they will have to combine with the Communists at this moment, even at the risk of being absorbed by the Communists; otherwise they will be destroyed by the conservatives.

Japan's ruling classes recognize these dangers. At the slightest sign of interest, public officials and industrialists will begin talking about how much financial assistance Japan will need to remain stable and a partner of America. In effect, they are saying that Japan can remain "democratic" only if dollars are provided by the U.S.

Readers' Letters

VOTING FRANCHISE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—Would it not be more reasonable to raise the minimum voting age to 20 years and to limit the franchise to persons who arrived in this country before January 1950, instead of January 1951 as provided?

An 18-year-old youth has not yet formed an independent opinion on political and economic questions. Political disputes among army recruits lead to a lowering of discipline and a deterioration of the spirit of comradeship. New immigrants become acquainted with the problems of our country only after their initial troubles are over.

HANS BLOCK
Jerusalem, Feb. 28.

CIVIC LIBERTIES

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — As a citizen of Israel I will feel discriminated against if the leaders of the demonstration in Beersheba are not punished by the Court.

It is certainly one of my civic liberties to smoke or to ride a car when I feel like it and it is the duty of the police to protect me against those who don't fancy my smoking or riding.

It is high time that the reign of terror imposed on the majority by a small fraction of the population, in the name of religion, be stopped by the Government.

Yours, etc.,
MRS. L. VILENTCHUK, C.E.
Tel Aviv, March 5.

ACTING ON ORDERS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — With reference to a letter headed "Cruelty to Animals," we would like to explain that the horse was fatally injured in a street accident. The policeman on duty acted on the orders of the veterinary, to shoot the animal on the spot. The carcass was too heavy for the men from the zoo to lift on to their wagon and they therefore dismembered it.

We regret that the policeman permitted this instead of devising some way of removing it intact. Policemen have now been issued with instructions on how to handle such emergencies.

Yours, etc.,
Public Relations Section
Police H.Q., Tel Aviv.

SCAFFOLDING

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — With reference to your interesting report on our demonstrations of scaffolding and shuttering equipment at Bat Yam, may we point out that the scaffolding demonstrated is not made of aluminium, but of acrominium, a light alloy of aluminium and manganese, having the same characteristics as steel for scaffolding work, but only one third its weight.

The initial quantities imported were ordered by a number of contractors, and the shuttering and scaffolding shown at Bat Yam were loaned for the purpose by the courtesy of Tel Aviv Municipality, Solel Boneh Ltd., and Central Housing and Building Corporation Ltd., who also kindly provided the site.

Our shuttering and scaffolding has in the last ten years rationalized building industries in many countries, replacing the old-fashioned methods of timber scaffolding and shuttering which are still in general use in this country. We hope as a result of these demonstrations such equipment will now play an increasing part in the building industry here.

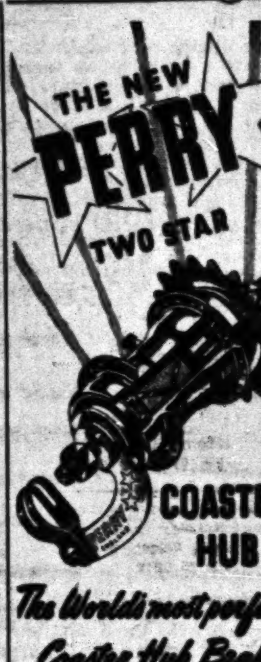
Yours, etc.,
HARRY C. STEBBENS,
Acrow (Engineers) Ltd.
Haifa, March 3.

HANDLING FISH

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—Referring to your news item, "U.S. Expert Criticises Food Situation in Israel," on March 2, we, as importers of frozen fish, would like to state that the transport of frozen fish within the country was carried out by train on the request of the General Manager of the Israel Railways. This proved to be highly unsatisfactory as the transport by train between Haifa and Tel Aviv takes 24-30 hours and the fish gets the same priority as iron or timber. The unloading of the fish in the port areas as well as the transport within the country needs revision.

Yours, etc.,
GRUENBERG BROS.
Jerusalem, March 6.



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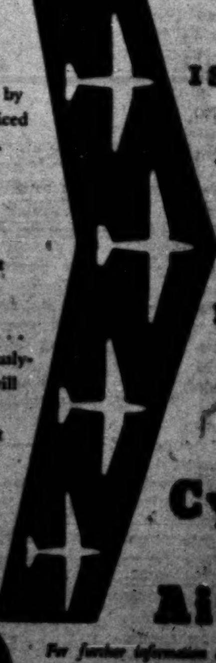

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